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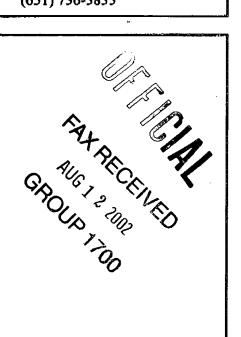
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Reconsideration of the application is requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

A paper backing, for supporting a secondary layer, which has a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from wood pulp and short fibers, the short fiber having a length within the range of about 3 to 20 mm and comprising polyvinyl alcohol, polyamide, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyacrylonitrile, rayon, or combinations thereof, wherein said first layer has a blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp larger than the blending ratio of short fibers to pulp in the second layer.